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BY DICK GIORDANO

OUTSIDERS #24:

OUTCASTS #1:

In this premiere adventure of a 12-istue moxi-series, learn why it's not safe to be different in the year 2049! By John Wagner, Alan Grant, Com Kennedy and Steve Mantana.

It's the Outsiders vs. Fusion with the file of President Reagan of stake! By Mike W. Borr, Trevor von Eeden, Erik Larsen and Bill Wroy.

VIGILANTE #46:
Vigilante's la joil and a sitting
duck. Can be escape before be's
murdered? By Paul Kupperberg, Tod
Smith and Rick Burchett.

ELECTRIC WARRIDR #18:
Doug Moenth, Jim Baikie and
Dennis Janke present the series' climactic linal issue as the Zigs, Primmies
and the Electric Warrior finally learn
their true past!

LEGIDN OF SUPER-NEROES #39: A special floshback issue to Colossal Boy's origin, the Science Police Academy, and Gigi's musing over "the one that got uway." By Paul Levitz, Curl Swan, Greg toRocque and Mike DeCarlo.

LEGION OF SUPER-NEROES
ANNUAL #3:

Con Cosmic Bay and Night Girl laim a new Legion of Substitute Heroes to block the Dominator's sneak attack on Earth? By Paul Levitz, Greg LoRocque and Mike DeCarlo with a Ken Steacy painted cover!

INFINITY, INC. #43:
Dr. Hastor and the Silver Scorab
owaken the Eye of Ro which quickly
begins to desiray the Earth. From Ray
and Dann Thomas, Vince Argandezzi
and Jony DeZunigo.

NEW TEEN TITANS #36: Wildebeest attacked the Titans and now he's dead. Have the Titans become marderers? By Mary Wolfman, Ed Barrelo and Rameo Tanghol.

SHADDW #3:
The Shadow stalks the subways as one of his most uncient foes wreaks bavod! An instant hit from Andrew Helber and Bill Sieakiewicz with a painted Sienkiewicz cover.

QUESTION #9:
Rodo: is abducted and The
Question con't land a single due! Just
who is Rodo:? By Denny O'Neil, Denys
Cowao and Rick Magyar.

DR. FATE #4:
Dr. Fute joins in bottle with the champion of the Lords of Chaos with the entire universe as the prize! By Morr DeMonteis, Keith Giffen and Dove Hant.

And the Winger is . . .

I get a big kick out of watching all those awards shows on the tube.

I mean, they're easy enough to sit through, and I can usually keep inking a few pages while they're on. I rarely have to look up from the drawing board to see who wins: they announce the winners loudly enough. "And the winner is..." Might as well be broadcast on the radio.

I'm not so sure I go for the whole concept of awards. How does one judge a drama of war like "Platoon" to be "better" than a sophisticated comedy like "Hannah and Her Sisters"? I guess they find a way, though,

But I do respect the intention at the core of the awards idea. Somewhere down deep amid all those "thank yous," they're there to reward excellence. Awards are a way for each of the entertainment industries to encourage and support the best in the field.

There are several awards for the comics industry as well. There are the Eagle Awards from British fans, the Reuben Awards from the National Cartoonists' Society, the Inkpot Awards from the San Diego Comic Con, the Kirby Awards, and of course, The Comic Buyer's Guide annually polls its readers for their favorites,

Well, this year . . . how can I put it? DC Comics swept the CBG Fan Awards.

For example, this year's favorite editor works down the hall from me. I'm delighted to have *Denny O'Neil* back with me at DC, and it's nice to see him being recognized for the fine stories he's presented in BATMAN and DETECTIVE COMICS over the past 12 months. For my nickel, they were some of the best Batman stories ever, and apparently, plenty of you thought so, too.

Favorite writer? Alan Moore edged out Frank Miller by a mere ten votes. As you already know, both gentlemen did distinguished work last year . . . the cream of it for us here at DC.

One of Alan's biggest fans resides in this office, but obviously I'm not alone. Alan's version of SWAMP THING was voted "Pavorite Comic," and the Phil Seuling Award for favorite direct-only title went to his and Dave Gibbons' WATCHMEN.

Just a note in passing about WATCH-MEN: If you're one of those unfortunates who can't get to a comic book outlet, Warner Books will be releasing a collected anthology of the entire WATCHMEN series soon. Try to keep your friends from telling you the ending till you get the copy in your favorite bookstore.

Where was I? Oh, yes . . . the CBG awards!

John Byrne was voted the favorite penciller, and it's not hard to see why. SUPERMAN is now making comic book history in more ways than one! George Pérez, currently doing some of the best work of his career on WONDER WOMAN, was the first runner-up in that category, but he came in first as the "favorite cover artist."

The favorite inker this year was Terry Austin. Terry doesn't do all his work for us, but, hey, sometimes he does, and he's an old friend who deserves the praise he gets, so why dicker? We did pretty well with the runners up: Karl Kesel placed; another old friend, Klaus Janson, came in third; and a certain comic book company vice-president with the initials "D.G." took fourth (all right, so I come from a large family and they all voted).

Colorists and letterers seldom get the recognition they deserve, and it is especially cheering to see many of our colleagues spotlighted. Lynn Varley, whose work graced the DARK KNIGHT series, was favorite colorist, with Tom Ziuko and Tatjana Wood taking second and third place respectively. John Costanza, who also worked on DARK KNIGHT, was the number one favorite letterer.

Quite a project, that DARK KNIGHT. It took the top spot as both favorite comic book story and favorite limited comic book series. That last category saw WATCHMEN and MAN OF STEEL in the place and show positions . . . followed by LEGENDS! Whew!

I've no doubt that DARK KNIGHT's success led to Batman being elected favorite character as well. I knew you'd all come around to seeing things my way sooner or later!

This past year was a monster year for us, and I'm especially proud and appreciative of the praise and attention our creative people have generated. I would like to take this opportunity to say to all our friends in the industry, to our colleagues and the fellow professionals who made it happen, and to those of you who voted, thank you all very much.

Now I sound like one of the people on those award shows! Oh, well . . . can you sit still for one more "thank you"?

Thank you . . . and good afternoon!















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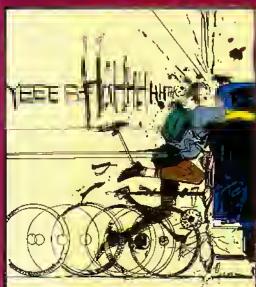






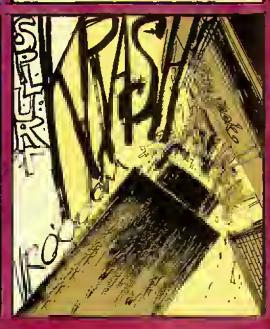


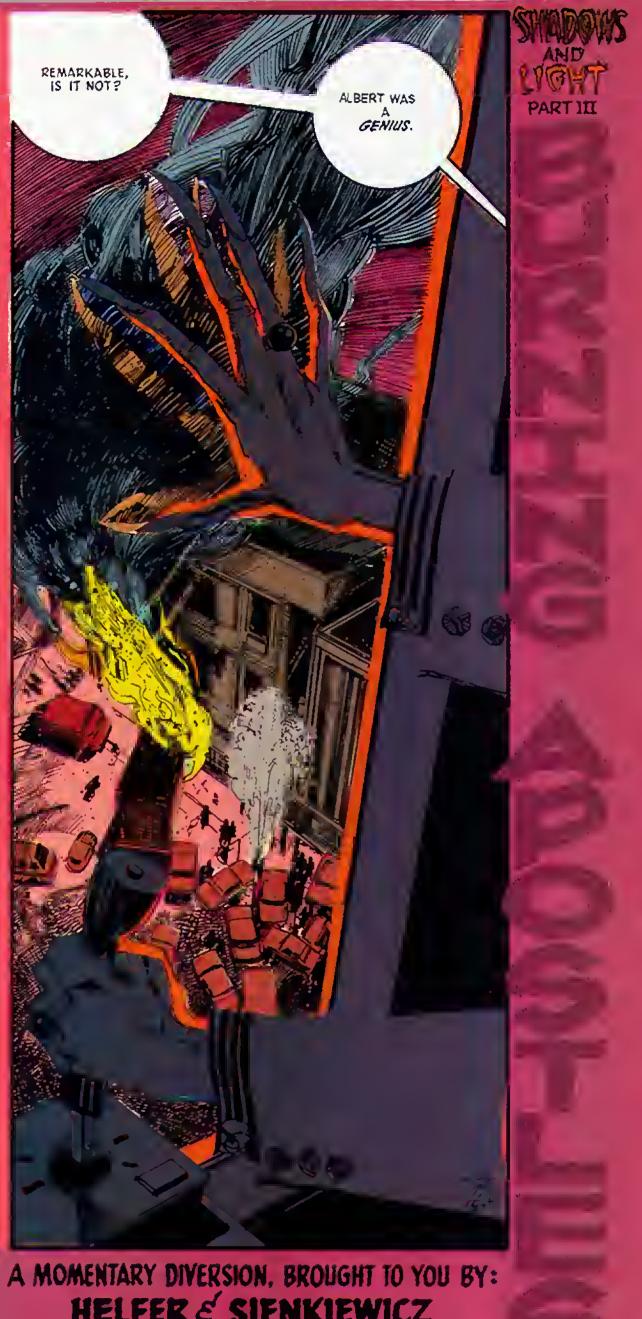












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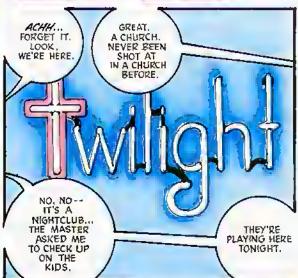








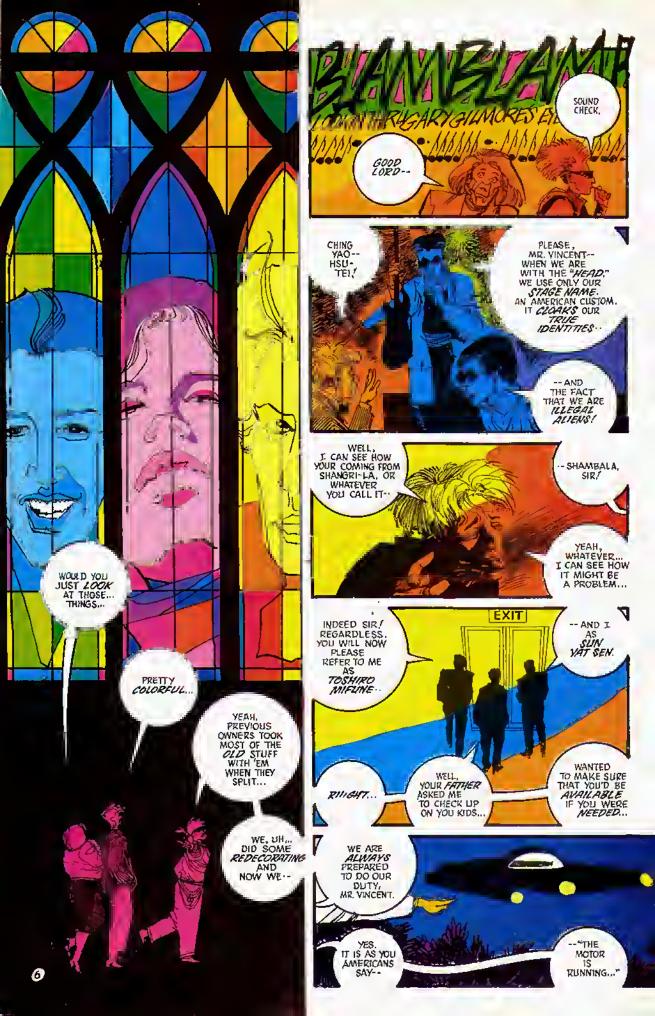


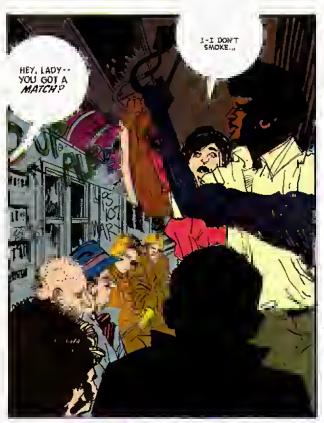






















































































































































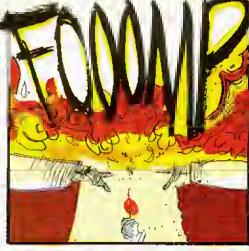












































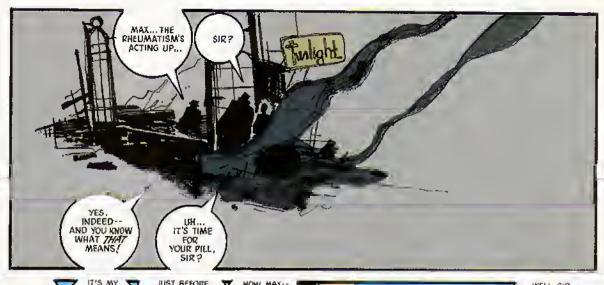


















































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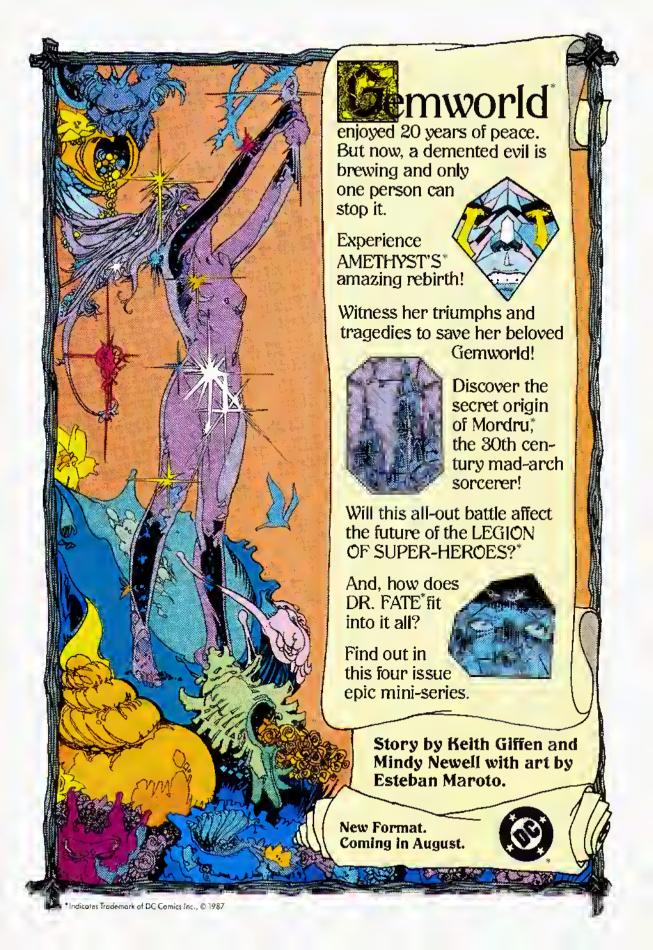
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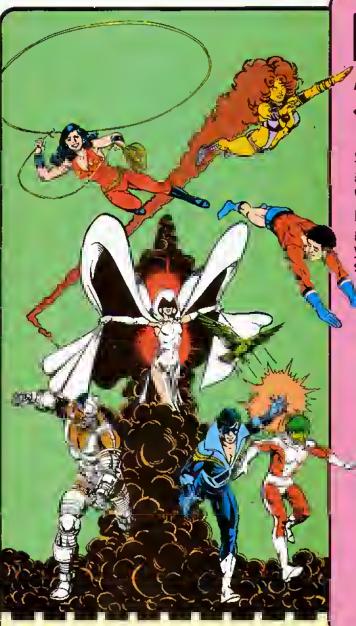
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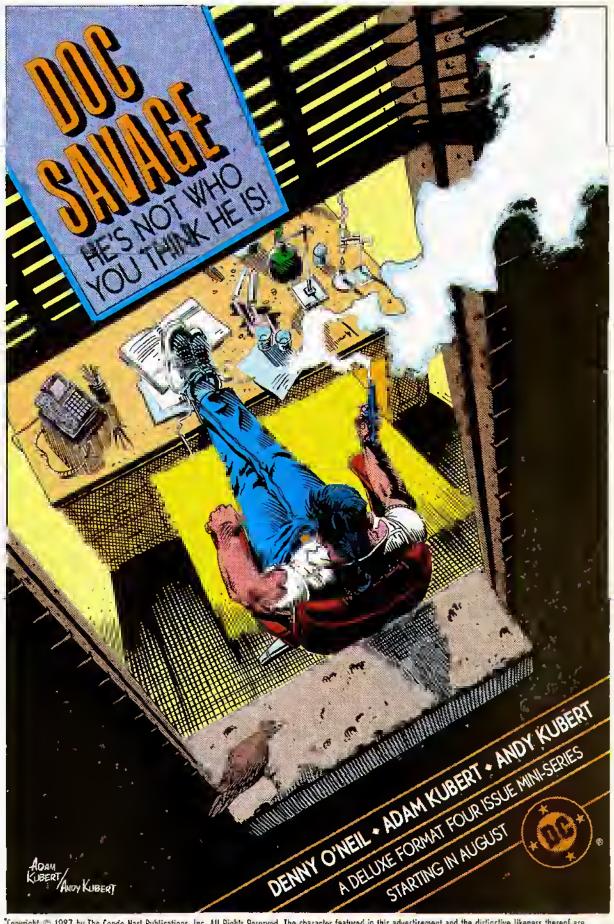


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